

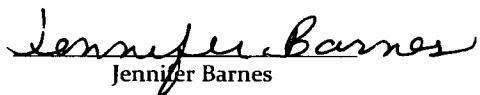
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 11, 2007, and includes the following sections:

1. Introductory Comments beginning on page 2 of this paper;
2. Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper; and
3. Remarks beginning on page 5.

Authorization for payment of the extension fee is included. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.